

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Duffner et al

Application No.: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 30, 2001

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: Signal Sequence Trapping

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-12, 14, 16-18, 22-28 and 31-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to cancel claims in order to reduce the filing fee. There is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

This application contains a Sequence Listing. Applicants enclose a 3.5" floppy disk containing the Sequence Listing. The content of the attached paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the accompanying identically labelled diskette is the same.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 30, 2001

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elias J. Lambiris", written over a horizontal line.

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